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1. WE DISCUSSED U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH ILO WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS (LAVALLEYE) FEBRUARY 24 AND LEFT WITH HIM A PIECE OF PAPER BASED ON TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL. LAVALLEYE TOLD US HE WANTED TO STUDY THE PAPER AND WOULD THEN GIVE US BELGIUM'S REACTION. HE REPEATED THE GENERAL VIEW THAT BELGIUM

REGRETTED U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO AND FAVORED OUR REENTRY. HE SAID THAT BELGIUM, OF COURSE, COORDINATED ITS ILO POSITION WITH ITS EC PARTNERS. WE WILL REPORT MORE DETAILED BELGIAN RESPONSE TO OUR INITIATIVE AS AVAILABLE.

2. LABATT LEFT SIMILAR TALKING-POINT SUMMARIES WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN MINLAB, AS WELL AS WITH EMPLOYER AND WORKER REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR INFORMATION. W HAVE RECEIVED NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENT FROM ANY OF THESE SOURCES AS YET, BUT ALL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONSULTATION AND PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE REACTION AFTER HAVING HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW MATERIAL. CHAMBERS

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